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Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A snowboard binding comprising:
a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard; and
an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element, wherein the instep element is movable along at least one arc-like path.

Claim 2 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 1 wherein the arc-like path runs essentially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 1 wherein the at least one arc-like path is formed by [[a]] at least one strap that is fastened on both sides to the base element and extends over the instep element.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 2 wherein the at least one arc-like path is formed by [[a]] at least one strap that is fastened on both sides to the base element and extends over the instep element.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 3 further comprising ~~cooperating guides~~ at least one guide on the ~~straps at least one strap~~ and the instep element which limit the arc-like path.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 4 further comprising ~~cooperating guides~~ at least one guide on the ~~straps~~ at least one strap and the instep element which limit the arc-like path.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 5 wherein each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in the ~~straps~~ at least one strap and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 6 wherein each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in the ~~straps~~ at least one strap and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 7 further comprising ~~dampers on ends~~ at least one damper on one or both ends of the guide openings to damp movement of the pin in a longitudinal direction of the guide opening.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 8 further comprising ~~dampers on ends~~ at least one damper on one or both ends of the guide openings to damp movement of the pin in a longitudinal direction of the guide opening.

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Claim 11 (withdrawn): The snowboard binding of claim 9 wherein the dampers are formed by constrictions of the guide opening whose width is smaller than a diameter of the guide pin.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The snowboard binding of claim 10 wherein the dampers are formed by constrictions of the guide opening whose width is smaller than a diameter of the guide pin.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 9 wherein the at least one damper[[s]] comprises an insert made of elastic material.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 10 wherein the at least one damper[[s]] comprises an insert made of elastic material.

Claim 15 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 7 wherein the guide pin has a thickened head on its free end that extends over the guide opening.

Claim 16 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 8 wherein the guide pin has a thickened head on its free end that extends over the guide opening.

Claim 17 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 1 wherein the instep element is guided on at least two guide paths, one of which is arranged in a toe region of the snowboard boot and the other in an instep region of the snowboard boot.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim [[3]] 5 wherein at least two guides are provided on the each strap.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim [[3]] 5 wherein ~~the~~ each strap is adjustable in length.

Claim 20 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 18 further comprising checks to block mobility of the instep element along the arc-like path.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The snowboard binding of claim 20 wherein:

each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in ~~the~~ each strap[[s]] and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening with a thickened guide pin head on its free end that extends over the guide opening;

the checks comprise toothing on a side of the at least one guide opening and counter-toothings on the thickened guide pin head that extends over the at least one guide opening; and

the thickened guide pin head being mounted to rotate at least 90°.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A snowboard binding comprising:

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element;

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at least one strap fastened on its respective ends to the base element and extending over the instep element to define an arc substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding; and

[[a]] at least one guide opening and a guide pin received in the at least one guide opening for guiding the instep element along said arc.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A snowboard binding comprising:

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element;

a first strap and a second strap, each fastened on its respective ends to the base element and extending over the instep element to define arcs substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding; and

at least one guide opening[[s]] and at least one guide pin[[s]] received in the at least one guide opening[[s]] for guiding the instep element along said arcs.